

New Haven Board of Commissioners
September 19, 2013

The following were present:

Mayor Bob Johnson

Jeff Rogers

Kristie Hamon

Debbie Brawner

Chris Cecil

Freddy DeWitt

Nicole Pinkston

Linda Mattingly

Don Cecil

Tim Bartley

Tessie Cecil

The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was recited.

The **Minutes of August 15, 2013** were approved on motion by Chris and second by Freddy.

The **August Financial Reports and September Bills** were approved on motion by Freddy and second by Don.

2013 Tax Rate Ordinance-2nd Reading—The second reading of Ordinance No. 440 Series 2013 setting the 2013 tax rate for real property at .226 per \$100 valuation, tax rate for personal property at .4738 per \$100 valuation and the tax rate for automobiles at .25 per \$100 valuation was held. This reading was approved on motion by Freddy and second by Chris. Roll call resulted in Mayor Johnson-Aye, Chris Cecil-Aye, Jeff Rogers-Aye, Freddy DeWitt-Aye and Don Cecil-Nay. Ordinance approved.

Khan Building Repairs—Freddy submitted quotes for windows for the building—Guy's Building Supplies for \$585.00 and from Exterior Supply for \$594.31. Freddy made a motion to purchase the windows from Guy's Building Supplies. Jeff seconded. All voted in favor. The clerk requested clarification which fund the repairs and maintenance for the building would be taken from. She had assumed that since this is a city building, then the General Fund would handle the repairs and maintenance. The Commission agreed by consensus.

Use of Khan Building—Tessie Cecil said that plans for the building included a Welcome Center/Historical Preservation Center. Debbie Brawner from the New Life Center, a local non-profit organization that exists to equip and empower parents and care givers to build healthy relationships and strong families. She spoke of a need in this area of space to conduct parenting classes and mini boutique for supplies, clothes, etc. for babies up to five years of age. The Khan Building has a total of six rooms. The consensus of the Commission was to allow the New Life Center use of two rooms with the entrance at the back. Guyula will coordinate clean-up of the area to prepare the rooms for use.

Khan Building Director—The consensus of the Commission was to name Tessie Cecil as Director of the Khan Building.

“A New Haven Christmas” – The Clerk asked for a \$1500 commitment from the City to purchase a lighted item for the Simms Park Display that is scheduled for December 1. Don made a motion to allow the \$1500 expenditure and Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Lawn Mower Prices—Tim had obtained two quotes for a new mower. Rock and Rogers quoted \$10,879 and allowed \$2,500 for a trade-in bringing the total price to \$8379.00. A local Scag Dealer in Bardstown quoted \$11,900 but indicated that the original price would increase if a trade-in was offered. Don made a motion to purchase the mower from Rock and Rogers for \$8,379 with trade-in of old mower.

Veterans’ Monument—Chris pointed out that the name plates have fallen in disrepair. This will be investigated further and more information will be forthcoming.

Water and Sewer Department

Water Deposit Amendment—Per last month’s meeting minutes, Freddy made a motion to increase the water deposit from \$100 to \$150. The clerk had prepared an Ordinance for the First Reading to that effect. Mayor Johnson said that he objected to increasing the water deposit because he felt it would create too much of a burden for people just trying to make a living in our troubled economy. Jeff agreed that the City would be penalizing the wrong people. Freddy disagreed. The consensus of the Commission was to table this until more information is available.

Tim reported that the water valve and drain project at the lagoon has been completed enabling the City decrease required sampling resulting in savings for the City.

Street Department

Paving Prices—After considerable discussion, Chris made a motion to pave the following streets/areas: Second Street--\$3528.00; Patch at Swimming Pool--\$249.00; Street in City park--\$3384.00; and part of Third Street--\$6480.00 for a total cost of \$13,641.00. Don seconded. All voted in favor. Chris made a motion to put a 2” base on the Khan Building parking lot at a cost of \$2,233. Money to be taken from General Fund. Don seconded. All voted in favor.

Police Department—Freddy reported that Taser training has been completed. Corey will have in-service training next month.

Freddy made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Issues and Land Acquisition per KRS. 61.810. Chris seconded. All voted in favor. After 45 minutes, Chris made a motion to return to regular session and Freddy seconded.

Mayor Johnson reported that land acquisition had been discussed with no action taken.

Jeff made a motion to hire Bradley Eastland (Tim's son-in-law) to cover weekend sampling since Fred Mattingly has retired. Freddy seconded. All voted in favor. Rate of pay will be \$12 per hour. This is a temporary part-time position. Discussion followed relating to hiring Keith Bartley to fill in as needed. No rate of pay was discussed.

Jeff made a motion to grant Tim Bartley a \$1.00 per hour pay raise effective September 29. Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Chris moved for adjournment and Jeff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Mayor

Clerk